

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT APPLICATION AND ITS CRITERIA TO ALL CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING ALL QUALIFIED RATE PAYERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the average citizen of Atlanta cannot afford the type of water and sewer increase recently passed by the Mayor and Council, since roughly 24.4% of Atlanta households have annual incomes of less than \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, some of these upgrades are for Federal and State Governments requirements with no significant funds anticipated from either entity to shift this awesome burden away from the rate payers of Atlanta and its neighboring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the city has no impact fees or storm water utilities to offset the cost of the projects that need to be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Atlanta would greatly appreciate any reduction from this burdensome rate increase and this possible reduction would allow families the ability to pay other bills by virtue of this discount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA;

SECTION 1: That the Mayor or her designees (Finance and Watershed Management Departments) are authorized to send every residential water and sewer rate payers a copy of the Department of Watershed Senior Citizen Discount Application and its requirements no later than the April billing cycle of 2004 and annually thereafter with the information being mailed prior to December 31st of each year.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived.

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

CITY OF ATLANTA
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT APPLICATION

NEW APPLICATION _____
APPLICATION RENEWAL _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Service Address: _____

Resident Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Do you currently _____ Own or _____ Rent your home.

I hereby apply for a Senior Discount of 30% for water and sewer services for the premises listed above, pursuant to the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinance. I certify that I am the legal title/leaseholder to the above property. I also understand that this application must be renewed each year.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Applicant: _____

CS Representative: _____

Please do not write below this line
To Be Completed by Office Personnel Only

Birth certificate _____ Reviewed by _____

Driver's Permit Number _____ Rental Agreement/Warranty Deed _____

Georgia ID _____ Annual Income \$ _____

Federal form 1099 _____ The City of Atlanta is authorized to waive thirty percent (30%) of the Water and Sewer rates for ratepayers' age sixty-five and over whose annual household income does not exceed twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars. (Discount applies to the applicant's primary address only).

Approved _____

Denied _____ Reason _____

*CITY OF ATLANTA
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
SENIOR CITIZEN WATER/SEWER DISCOUNT PROGRAM*

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Total Household Income must be \$25,000 or less for year 2003.
- Proof of Income (1099 and/or 1040 forms for year 2003).
- Qualified applicants must be 65 years or older with proof of age (Georgia Driver's License, Birth Certificate or Georgia State Identification).
- Exemption is for the primary residence only.
- New applicants must provide a copy of Warranty Deed or Lease Agreement.
- Account must be in the Applicant's name.

New applications are being accepted starting February 1st, 2004. The application along with the required documentation may be returned to:

**CITY OF ATLANTA
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
55 TRINITY AVENUE SW, SUITE 1650
ATTENTION: SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT PROGRAM**